the last three years and the number of Punjab towns and population covered under the Urban Basic Service Scheme; Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns; Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums Scheme and Low cost Sanitation Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : Funds allotted to Punjab during the last three years on various schemes are as under :

(i) IDSMT: Rs. 17945 lakhs to 12 towns covering a population of 8,50,249.

(2) Low cost Sanitation: Of the amount shown in (i) above 84 lakhs are for low cost sanitation, it being an integral component of IDSMT.

(3) E.I.U.S: Rs. 247.00 lakhs for additional coverage of 1,48,000 slum dwellers by way of incentive to the State. The scheme is otherwise in the State Sector.

(4) Urban Basic Services : No funds have yet been allotted. It is a new scheme.

General Pool accommodation in possession of retired Government servants

1494. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT BE be phased to stat

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of retired Government employees are in possession of General Pool accommodation specially in Peshwa Road Kalibari Apartments by producing fictitious medical certificates/other reas ons;

(b) whether there are former offi-<ials of the Directorate of Estates who are being allowed to retain the quarters for unlimited period with the connivance of higher officers.

(c) if so, the details of such officials and reasons for allowing them to retain the accommodation; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to get these quarters vacated ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) No Sir. On date, only 7 retired Govt, employees arc in possession of Genl. Pool accommodation in Peshwa Road/Kalibari Apartments.

(b) to (d) Shri Sunder Lai is the only former official of the Directorate of Estates, at present in unauthorised occupation of flat No. 5, Kalibari Apartments. He retired from Govt, service on 31-7-84 and the allotment was cancelled with effect from 30-9-84 after allowing two months' concessional period admissible under the provisions of S.R. 317-6-11(2). He was further allowed retention for six months upto 31-3-85 on medical grounds under the provisions of S.R. 317-B-22. As he failed to vacate the flat, eviction proceedings were initiated against him under the-Public Premises (Eviction of Un-authorised Occupants) Act, 1971. The Estate Officer has already passed the final eviction order directing him to vacate the flat on or before 31-5-86.

Amount paid to contractors by nsco

1495- SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to pleased to state what is the total amount paid to contractors at Burn-pur and Kulti works of IISGO res-pectively for the years 1983-84 and 1984-85 with details of the amount money drawn by each contract or

with names of individual firm/con-arn both at Burnpur and Kulti for these years?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : The offort involved in coll cting this information will not be commi n-surate with the results achieved.

Funds grants for the development of Calcutta

1496 SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Calcutta Corporation has applied to the Central Government for special fund/grants for urban development of the city ; and

(b) if so, the details there of and Government reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

T. V. and Radio programmes in local languages for North-Eastern States

1497. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what measures are being taken to counteract the propaganda ofRadio Beijing and Bangladesh aimed at North Eastern States ; and

(b) what steps, are being taken to introduceDoordarshau programme in local languages for the North Eastern area and set up powerful Radio Broadcasting Station ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) The broadcasts of Radio Beijing and Bangladesh ae monitored by AIR. Whereever adverse broadcasts are noticed, appropriate corrective action to present the matter in the proper perspective is taken n AIR'S news bulletins and external broadcasts. Additionally, the existing 11 AIR Stations in the North East area project the national point of view on important issues.

(b) The power of the transmitter at AIR, Dibrugarh is being increased from 100 KW to 300 KW Medium Wave . AIR Tezu and Tawang which have at present low power transmitters will be equipped with 10 KW Medium Wave transmitters and AIR Itanagar which, under the interim set up , has a 1 Kilo Watt Medium Wave transmitter will be equipped with 100 KW Medium Wave Transmitter and a 50 KW Short Wave transmitter as part of the VII Five Year Plan Schemes. 15 New Radio Stations are also scheduled to be set up in the North-East under the Seventh Five Year Plan. All these Stations will be programme originating centres.

2. Doordarshan proposes to provide a common TV service to the North-Eastern region by utilising the C Band transponder upto 2040 hrs. for carrying North-Eastern language programmes. Thereafter, all the Centres shall be relaying the National Programmes from Delhi.

Listening of AIR Broadcasts in the United States of America

1498. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state what steps are being taken to strengthen the broadcasting by AIR to enable its listening in the United States of America?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : The transmissions over the External Services of AIR do not reach the United